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TO AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

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SUBJECT: US-SOMALI RELATIONS: ADDOU/DAVIS TALK

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1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS LUNCHEON WITH SOMALI AMBASSADOR ADDOU ON JULY 9. DAVIS ASKED ADDOU TO CLARIFY PRESIDENT SIAD'S STATEMENT (REFTEL) THAT SOMALIA HAD OFFERED NAVAL FACILITIES TO THE UNITED STATES, SPECIFICALLY, WHAT DID HE MEAN BY "FACILITIES?" DAVIS SAID THAT WE WERE UNAWARE ANY SUCH OFFER HAD BEEN MADE PREVIOUSLY. (FYI - A CHECK OF THE RECORD OF THE SIAD/FORD MEETING INDICATES THAT NO REPEAT NO SUCH OFFER WAS MADE DURING THAT MEETING. ONLY RECORDED REFERENCE TO SUBJECT OF US NAVAL ACCESS TO SOMALI PORTS DURING SIAD VISIT WAS IN SIAD/INGERSOLL MEETING, WHEN SIAD MADE BROAD GENERAL STATEMENT THAT US WARSHIPS WERE WELCOME TO CALL IN SOMALI PORTS. THERE WAS NO REPEAT

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NO REFERENCE TO "FACILITIES" BEING MADE AVAILABLE. END

FYI.)

2. FROM EXPLANATION OFFERED BY ADDOU IT SEEMED APPARENT THAT STATEMENT REFERRED, IN FACT, TO SOMALI WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT PORT CALLS BY US NAVAL VESSELS AND TO PROVIDE ROUTINE

SERVICES SUCH AS REFUELING, PROVISIONING, LIBERTY, ETC., NORMALLY ATTENDANT TO SUCH CALLS. THIS PARTICULARLY TRUE SINCE ADDOU REPEATED HIS OFT-GIVEN RECOMMENDATION THAT THE U.S. START WITH MOGADISCIO AND THEN BRANCH OUT TO OTHER PORTS. ADDOU SAID EVENTUALLY HE EXPECTED SOMALIA WOULD OFFER U.S. SAME FACILITIES AS THOSE GRANTED TO USSR. (COMMENT: AS ON MANY OCCASIONS, ADDOU SEEMED TO BE TALKING WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS). ADDOU THEN CONFIDED THAT SIAD'S REAL REASON FOR THIS OFFER WAS TO REDUCE HIS DEGREE OF DEPENDENCE ON SOVIETS AND TO ENCOURAGE RAPPROACHMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES.

3. ADDOU REPEATED HIS PREVIOUS REQUEST FOR A BRIEF MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT TO PRESENT MESSAGE FROM SIAD APPEALING FOR CLOSER US/SOMALI RELATIONS. KISSINGER

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